MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Available reports do not suggest any large scale smuggling of coal from West Bengal to Bangladesh.

(b) and (c) The anti-smuggling drive has been intensified and the anti-smuggling machinery has been geared up. Close co-ordination is maintained with all the agencies concerned including the Border Security Force which are also concerned with the prevention and detection of smuggling along the land borders. Strict vigil is maintained on the vulnerable points along the border.

Import of raw cotton from Pakistan

2315. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether contracts have been entered in o with Paikstan for the supply of raw cotton;

(b) if so, the quantity contracted;

(c) the expected landed price;

(d) whether this import will affect the price of Indian cotton; and

(e) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Contracts have been entered into for the import of 68,100 bales of cotton from Pakistan to be canalised through the Cotton Corporation of India, at the landed prices ranging from about Rs. 6,000 per candy, to Rs. 7,200 per candy.

(d) and (e) It is not possible to make any forecast on this.

Revival of sick Industries

2316. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to promote the concept of workers cooperative to revive sick industries; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Institutions and Banks take up rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units on the basis of packages finalised. If workers' Co-operatives bring up a schemes for revival of such units, the same is also considered.

Implications of Bodhghat Hydroelectric project

2317. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bodhghat Hydro Electric Project is likely to displace 10,000 Bastar tribals due to denudation of forests there;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the international environment bodies have appealed to the Prime Minister not to permit clearance of this Project as it will be a disastrous one; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Bodhghat Hydroelectric Project is likely to displace 9460 persons including 6109 tribals.

(b) and (c) Representations have been received from several national and international bodies against construction of the Bodhghat dam. The points contained therein would be taken into account while examining the proposals for clearance of the project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

सेन्ट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया में भुगतान आदेशों की दूसरी प्रति पर- किया जाना

2318. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उचित दर की दुकानों के मालिकों द्वारा मूल

भुगतान आदेशों के गुम हो जाने पर भुगतान आदेशों की दूसरी प्रति के आधार पर भुगतान किये जाने के संबंध में दिल्ली के पूर्वी भाग में नया सीलमपुर के सैंट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया के प्रबंधक और अन्य उच्चाधिकारियों को पिछले छः महीने से अनेक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हो रहे है, किन्तु उन सभी को रद्द किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) क्या सरकार दुबारा भुगतान आदेश जारी करने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ङ) बैंक प्रबंधक और उच्चाधिकारियों को कुल कितने भुगतान आदेशों के संबंध मे शिकायतें प्राप्त ई हैं और किन-किन व्यक्तियों ने अभ्यावेदन दिए हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में आर्थिक कार्य विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फेलेरियो) : (क) से (ङ) जी नहीं ; सैंट्रल बैंक आफ इंडिया ने सूचित किया हैं कि उसकी न्यू सीलमपुर दिल्ली शाखा को जून 1988 मे ही केवल एक अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ था जिसमें भुगतान आदेश तथा डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट की प्रति जारी करने का अनुरोध किया गया था । पार्टी द्वारा औपचारिकताएं पूरी कर लिए जाने के बाद ही बैंक भुगतान आदेश तथा डिमाण्ड ड्राफ्ट की प्रति जारी कर देता है ।

Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited

2319. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter from the West Bengal Chief Minister and some Members of Parliament for taking-over of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any action has been taken on the request made; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Letters have been received regarding Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited suggesting *inter alia* taking over of the management of the company, nationalisation of the company, to provide proper management to the comany implementation of the rehabilitation plan in respect of the company etc.;

(c) and (d) It has been decided that the company will be run through its Board of Directors.

Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited

2320. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what is Government's latest move to save the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): It has been decided that Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited will be run through its Board of Directors.

Value of Rupee

2321. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of rupee in paise (based 1960=100) in major cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kanpur, Hyderabad, Guwahati and Lucknow in January, February, March, April, May and June, 1988 and during the same period in the year 1987; and